

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
10/705,787	MARUYAMA ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 21 July 2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 6,12 and 23-35 (renumbered per 37 CFR 1.126).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This pertains to the Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks, filed 21 July 2006.

It is acknowledged that Applicants have cancelled claims 1 – 5, 7 – 11 and 13 – 22, amended claims 6 and 12, and added new claims 23 – 35. Claims 6, 12 and 23 – 35 are thus pending in this Application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mehdi Sheikerz (Reg. No. 41,307) on 08 August 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- The title of the Application has been modified. The new title is "Logical equivalence verifying device, method and computer readable medium thereof".
- Claim 24, line 17, delete " the following manners (1) to (3)" and insert -- extracting processes selected from a group consisting of--.
- Claim 31, lines 16 and 17, delete " the following manners (1) to (3)" and insert --extracting processes selected from a group consisting of--.
- Claim 34, lines 17 and 18, delete " the following manners (1) to (3)" and insert --extracting processes selected from a group consisting of--.

- Claims 33, 34 and 35, lines 1 – 3, delete “controlling a computer to execute a logical equivalence verifying method for performing logical equivalence verification of two prescribed circuits to display” and insert --which when executed by a computer performs a logical equivalence verifying method that verifies a logical equivalence of two prescribed circuits and displays--.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 6, 12 and 23 – 35 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: the arguments cited by Applicants in the Remarks filed 21 July 2005 are persuasive. Prior art does not teach the claimed limitations pertaining to logical equivalence verification that includes graphically displaying mismatched subcones.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magid Y. Dimyan whose telephone number is (571) 272-1889. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

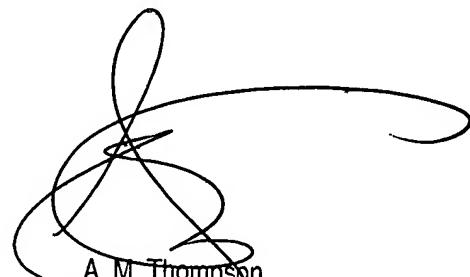
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on (571) 272-7483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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